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1795/1848-1876

2-50 E. Montgomery St. (North side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private access

The north side of the unit block of E. Montgomery St. is most noteworthy for containing 36 E. Montgomery St., the earliest (1795) surviving brick house in the Federal Hill area. The original two and a half story high, three bay wide house, with two dormer windows and belt course, is now in extreme disrepair, with the easternmost bay having collapsed and large sections of the roof missing. On either side of 36 E. Montgomery St. there were originally a number of early two and a half story houses, but these have all been razed, or replaced by later structures. The western section of the block was not improved until 1848 when a row of two story plus attic brick houses (2-12 E. Montgomery St.), and a row of three story, two bay wide, gable roofed houses (14-18, and 20 E. Montgomery St.) were built. At the eastern end of the block there is a group of large, three story, two bay wide Italianate-style townhouses, with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, built in the early 1870's. 50 E. Montgomery St. is a three story, three bay wide brick building with shed roof that until recently served a mixed commercial/residential function. All of the houses in this block are currently unoccupied, but have recently been sold by the city to private owners and are awaiting renovation and rehabilitation.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

20 E. Montgomery St.

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED
☒ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☒ OTHER restoration contemplated

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mayor and City Council

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Baltimore

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☒ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three story, two bay brick house with gable roof was originally part of a pair of such houses which were built on this site at about the same time as the neighboring groups of houses at 14-18 and 2-12 E. Montgomery St.

The house is three stories in height, 13 1/2' wide, and occupies a lot 80 1/2' deep. The house is two rooms deep with a three story high, one bay wide and deep stair hall extension which connects the main house to a two story high, two bay deep rear addition. This addition is now almost completely fallen in and will undoubtedly be removed when the house is renovated. The house is constructed in running bond. The low-pitched gable roof has a simple brick cornice. There is a double rectangular chimney located along the west side of the rear roof gable.

The second and third floor window openings have splayed brick lintels and wood sills. The first floor window and door openings have round arched lintels. All of the openings are currently boarded over and no original sash remains. The house sits on a low basement, the entrance being reached by a single low stone stoop.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1848-1850

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Alfred Harris

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant as being representative of a large group of three story, gable-roofed houses built in the Federal Hill area in the 1840's and 1850's to serve as combination residential/commercial structures. The first floor area served as a store-front and the family lived on the two floors above. Buildings of this type served the needs of a growing community which was attracting an influx of small shop-keepers to provide goods and services for the local residents.

The house was built by Alfred Harris who ran a cabinetmaking shop at this location in the 1850's. A later owner, a Christopher Witteman, who also a cabinetmaker and pianomaker, who lived here through the 1880's.¹

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber AWB 402, Folio 279; GR 632, Folio 260; Baltimore City Directory, 1850, 1875

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

STREET & NUMBER

3/79

TELEPHONE

1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Ruxton

Maryland 21204

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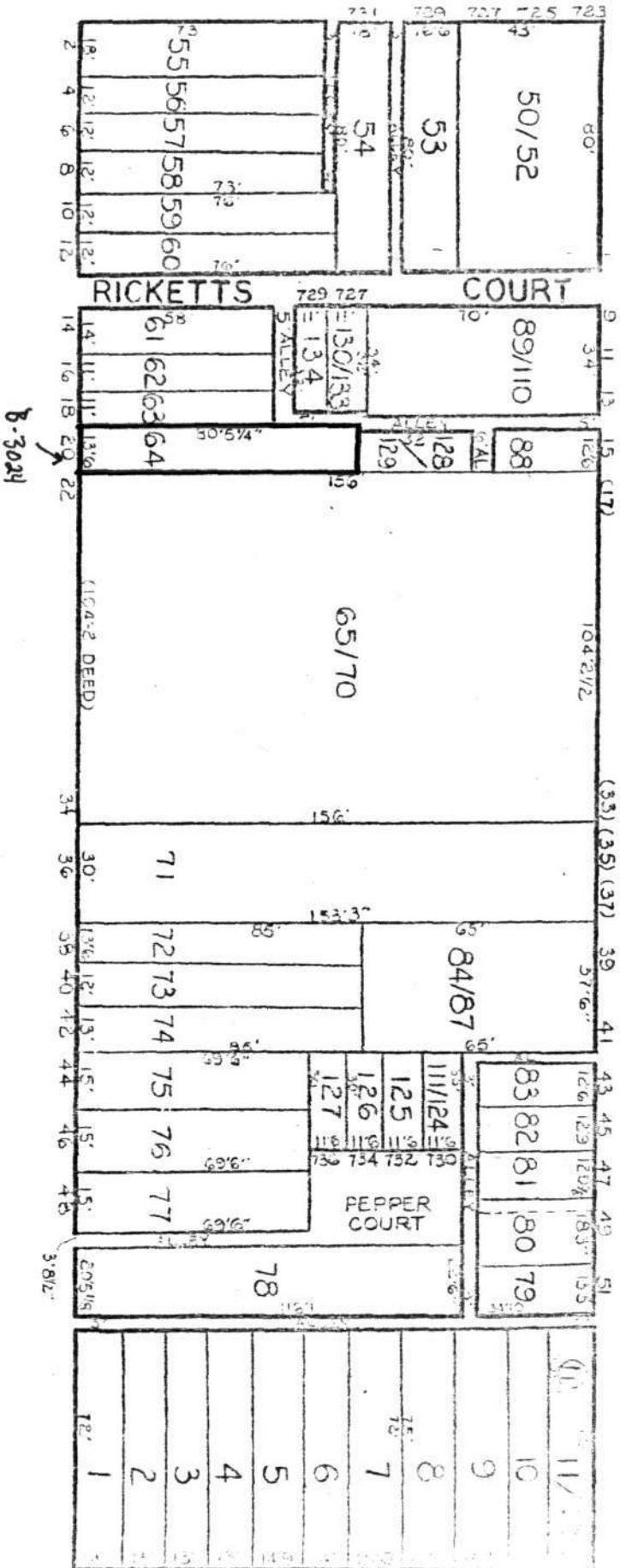
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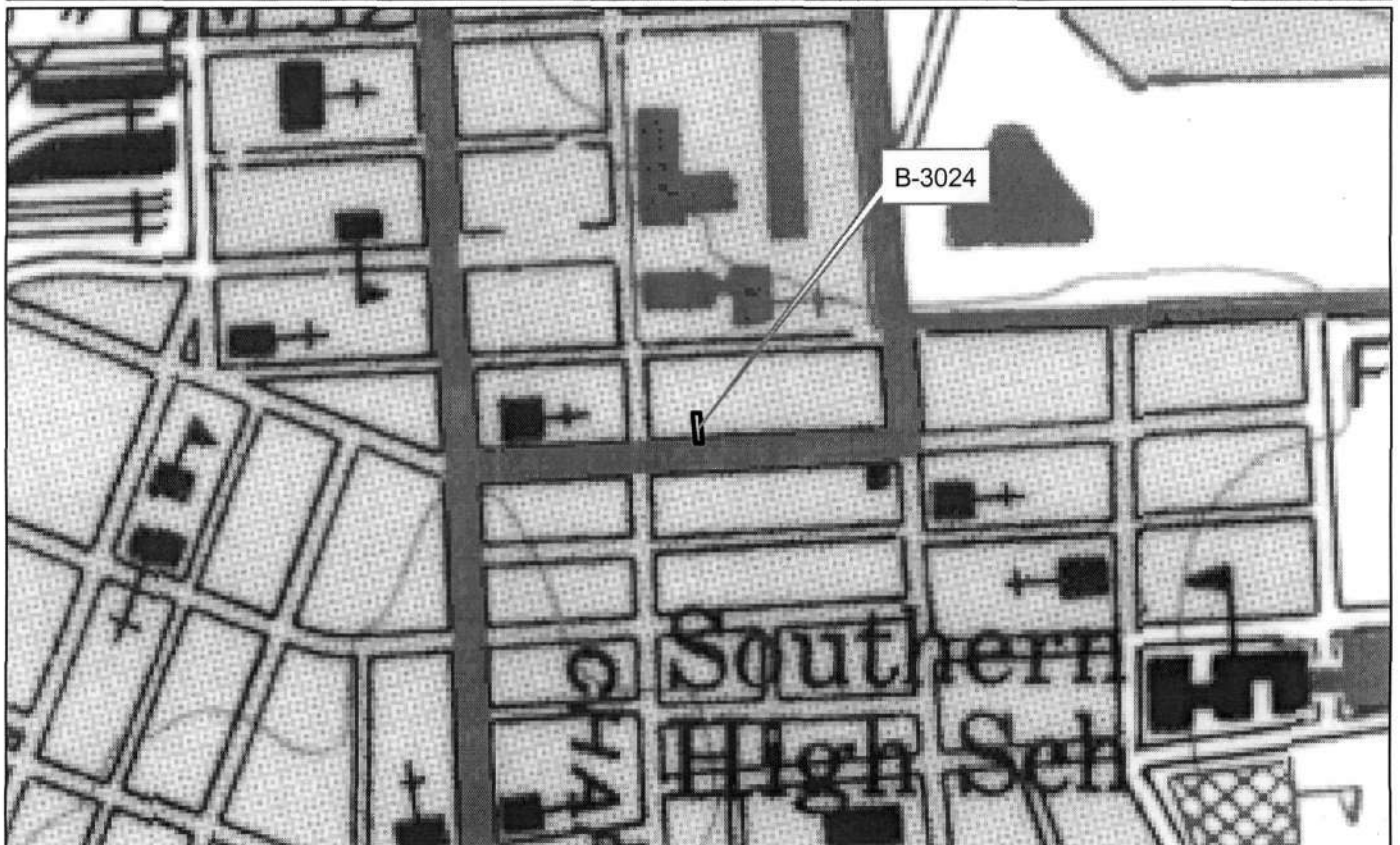
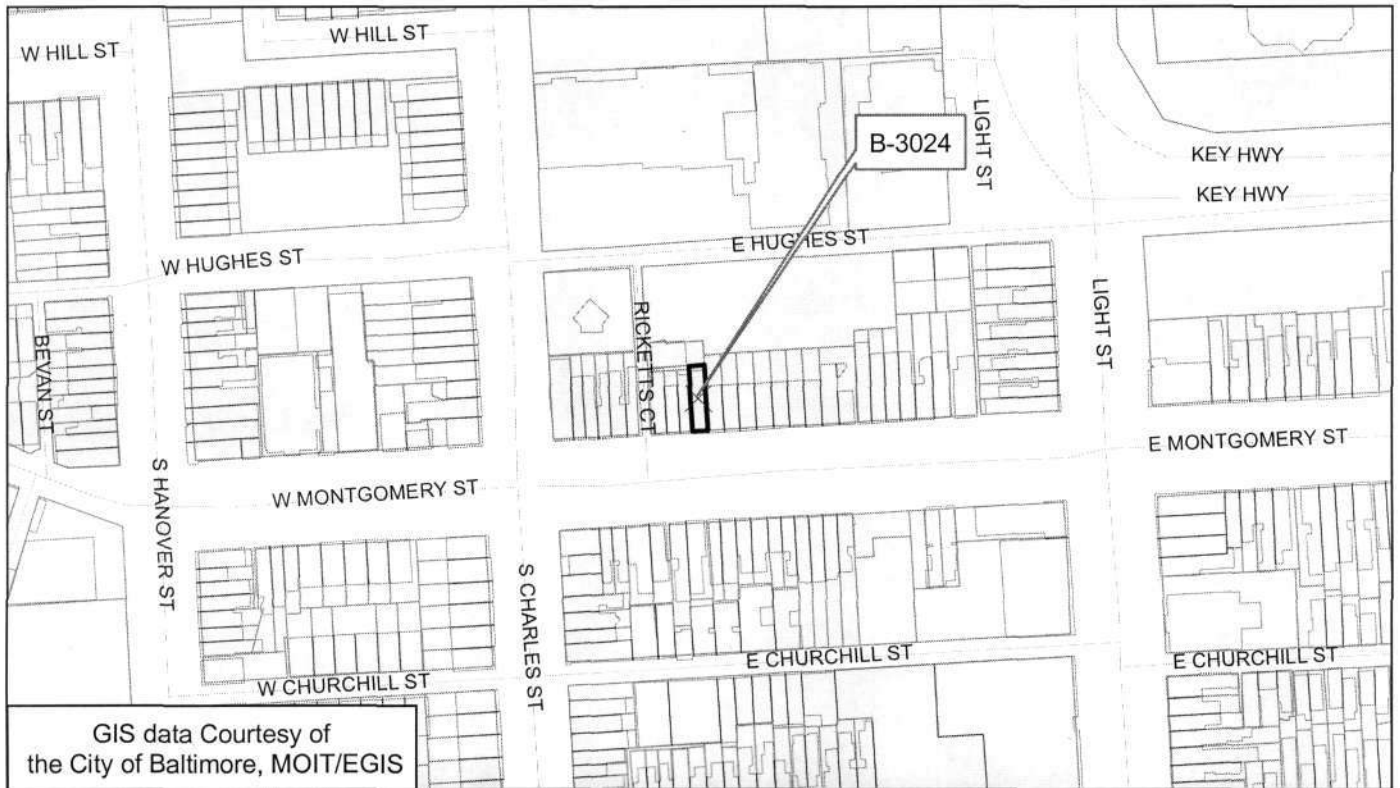
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E. MONTGOMERY

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B-3024
20 E. Montgomery Street
Block 0896 Lots 020
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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20 E. Montgomery St.

M.E.H.

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South elevation